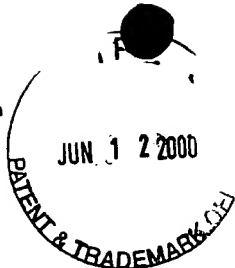


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**Attention: Office of Petitions:**  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to an Office Action by the Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application.

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity - fee \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

☐ Small entity statement enclosed herewith.

☐ Small entity statement previously filed.

☒ Other than small entity - fee \$1,210.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). The Commissioner is authorized to charge this to our Deposit Account No. 19-1800, together with any additional fees or credits. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of an amendment. (Identify type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Enclosures: ☒ Fee payment (authority to charge account)

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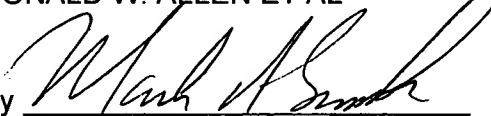
☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Small Entity Status Form

☒ Amendment

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